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Previous references.

File No. 144-16

1916-17

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-8.

Part B for

SUBJECT.

Application from M. V. Manickavasaka Mudaliar for a prospecting license for Samarskite & monazite over a block of land in the Bangalore Taluk.

2929 A 24-4-17.

G 15004 A 5-1-20.

From the Director of Geology
Submits the ——— & orders.

To the Secretary
Revenue Dept

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Geol)

NOTES.

File No. 144-16

FILE HEADING.

Application from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting license for Samarskite & monazite over a block of land in the Bangalore Taluk.

From

The Director (in charge), Dept of Mines & Geology.

No. 2929 Dated 24-4-17 Received 27-4-17.

Diary No. 934	Enclos. 2 Spare Copies.	Serial No.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that Mr. Sambasiva Iyer, member of the Industries & Commerce Committee is said to have been carrying on certain investigations for monazite, Samarskite etc over the area in question & recommends that until the final report of the Sambasiva Iyer is received the disposal of Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's application may be deferred & at the same time submits for orders of Govt whether it is not expedient to get the area thoroughly explored at the expense of a private party, imposing any special terms that may be considered desirable etc & also requests that orders may be issued to as to cause periodical reports of the prospecting work done in the State at the instance of the Economic conference to be sent to them for information & record in this office.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted for orders. With regard to the point raised in paragraph 2 of the Paper Under disposal an official reference may be made to the Economic conference Office.

AMS 30-4-17.

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AMS 30-4-17.

2) The proposals made

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for the Director in paras 2 and 7 of his letter may be adopted

9/1-5-17

2nd Member) W/4/5/17

3) Proceedings may be dispensed pending the report of Mr. Iyer vide 2a/para 8. Approved copy to Secy Geol Cmtt

W/4/5/17

4 Submitted with a draft.

AHS. 3-5-17.

5 Done W/4/5/17

2. To

The Director Mines & Geology

No 14481- dated 9-5-1917

With ref to &1 states that the disposal of the application may be deferred pending receipt of the final report of Mr Sambasiva Iyer.

To

The Secy. Mys. Economic Conference

No 14882. dated 9.5.1917

Forwards a copy of the above

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Received from Economic Conference vide letter dated 16-8-17.

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Geol File No. 1464 of 1916-17

Serial No. 3

From the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology
No 3053 dt 16-4-19

Forwards a copy of the final report by Mr V. S. Sambasiva Iyer on the prospecting work done by him for monazite & samarskite near Bangalore, and recommends that the prospecting licence applied for by Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar may be granted as the minerals found in the area are not of much commercial value

Submitted
AAS.
22-4-19.

The report will be recorded after perusal

Rice
30/4/19

Second Member

The previous papers relating to the subject which were sent to the Education Secretariat with D. No 12164 dt 27-3-19 are said to have been sent to Economic Conference Office on 28-3-19. The file has not yet been returned. It is said that the file is about to be closed & sent to the Economic Conference Office.
AAS.
29-4-19

Why was the papers sent to the Edn dept?
Rice
6/5/19

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1-5-19.

Submitted
As the case was pending for a long time, it was put up for submission to the Member of Council for orders concerning the recent rules. It was referred to Education Secretariat for perusal of noting whether any report had been received in that Dept Mr. Sambasiva Iyer in regard to the prospecting work done by him
AAS.
29-4-19

What about the pending file referred to in the last para of the P.H.D?

Rice
6.5.19

~~Perused & sent to~~
~~Taken extract of Member's order~~
Br. To Macleod. Matter should be put up for orders next Monday

Rice
7/5/19

To the Director of Mines & Geology
No Gr 27512 dt 5-6-19
Requests that copies of his Utrs no 2929 dt 24-4-17 with its enclosures and this office Utr no Gr 16481 dt 9-5-17 may be sent early for reference as the file of papers is not readily available in this office.

Submitted
It is stated that the papers referred to have been found in the Confl Office and the search is being continued
AAS.
1-8-19

The previous papers were received here
3-7-19.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | GeolFile No. 144 of 1916-17

Serial No.	
5	From the Director of Mines & Geology No 3559 dt 12-6-19 Forwards copies of his Office letter dt 24-4-19 & General Secretary's letter of 9-5-19 relating to the application of Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting licence for Samarskite & monazite over a block in the Bangalore Taluk. 10 The Director had suggested in his letter of 24-4-19 that the licence might be granted to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar on conditions that (1) a special fee of Rs 500/- might be levied by way of special terms under rule 16; (2) monthly reports of work done should be submitted; (3) an assurance should be obtained from the licensee that he would carry on prospecting operations in accordance with the suggestions, if any, made by the Dept.t (4) royalty might be fixed tentatively at 30% on the net profits with a guaranteed minimum of Rs 500/- to be paid in advance. 11 In his letter of 16-4-19, the Director recommended that the licence maybe granted to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar as Mr. Sambasiva Iyer's report shows that monazite & Samarskite occurring in the area are not of much commercial value.

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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1 Submitted for orders as to whether a licence may be granted to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar on the conditions suggested by the Director in his letter of 24-4-17.

Asst. 14-6-19. Ag

Collectors Put II

B.A. & R. Director Whether he would propose the same conditions being imposed now

Ag 14/6

14 Submitted with a draft.

Asst. 16-6-19. Ag

15 Issue

GW 26/6

6. 2. The Director Dept of Mines & Geol G. 28837 of 28. 6. 1919. Enquires with refce: to 8c 5 whether he would propose the conditions suggested by Mr Jayaram being imposed in this case

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7 From the same office. No 109 of 12-7-19

States that he is not in favour of imposing the conditions proposed by Mr. Jayaram and suggests that the licence may be granted to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar on the terms now proposed by him.

8 Submitted for orders as to whether the disposal of the case also may be deferred till the payment of Rs 150 as compensation for having acquired Margosa trees

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No

block for Tuberculosis Hospital at Mysore, has been made. A draft sanctioning the recommendation of the Director is however put up.

AHS
16-7-19.

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Please await orders on the Z.B. Govt's file — to complete

Subject to the P.L.O.

-18- Enclosed from Geol 95-18-5
Submitted note 19-4-49

(Mr. V. Manicka velloollu dated (nil))

Under this arrangement, he has relinquished all his mining rights in the Tuberculosis Hospital site for the following to be granted by the Government in exchange:-

1. Mining lease over a new block adjoining his Buckterhalli block, over one square mile but not in the direction of the Hullenhalli side.

2. Renewal of prospecting license No.416 - case No. 2, pending orders of Government under my express instructions (Geological File No.418-10) - subject to any new rules that Government may pass about the grant of mining lease or the grant of any mining lease over this block under the existing rules under which the maximum area is one square mile.

3. Out of pocket expenses in respect of the Margowdanahalli block assessed for the purpose of this settlement at a lumpsum of Rs. 15,000/-.

HRN.7.

19 Extract from Govt 4-8-00

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a (11) Orders on this and other applications may be reserved till the payment of the amount sanctioned in the ~~Government~~ Government Order of 8th May 1919 has been made to Mr, Manickvelu Mudaliar.

b (12) A bill for the amount will, if approved, be called for.

13. Unfavourable orders on the other applications pending with Government may give rise to difficulties.

Chief Secretary)

Intd/- MV.
28/6.

c (14) It has no doubt been made clear to ~~the~~ Mr. Manickvelu Mudaliar that Government will deal with the other applications (other than those specifically concerned in the settlement) at their discretion, but it is probably desirable to wait a little till the other affair is actually settled by payment of money before ~~orders~~ orders are passed The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, and Director of Geology will reminded to expedite payment etc.,

Second Member)

Intd/-. CSB.
29/6/19

d (15.) Yes. It is best to defer action as proposed. ~~While~~ time payment due may be expedited.

Intd/-. P.R.R.
30/6/19.

MRN.7.

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | Geol File No. 144 of 1916

Serial No.

The amount of encashment has been ordered to be paid as an advance subject to adjustment later. The question as to the source from which the expenditure may be met is being considered separately. (Geol file no 95-(8-12) Kind attention is invited to paragraphs 19 (c) & (d) above. Submitted for orders in the present case.

H.A.S. 24-11-19 21 Dft sanctioning the proposal Dr S. 9/12

22 A draft sanctioning the proposal is put up in the file

H.A.S. 8-12-19 23 Draft sanctioning Dr Smeeth's recommendation may be approved

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4000-115 22.12.19

First Member

24 Draft approved

23.12.19

25 Done

23/12

8 To the Director Geol

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Sanctions the grant of a P.L. for Rs. [illegible] to Dr. [illegible] Mineralogist Madras for one [illegible] of land in accordance with the rules [illegible]

REFERENCE MINOR 9 JAN 1920

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Geol file no 144-16 regarding application received from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a PL for manganese & ramerskite near Bangalore & prospecting work and his Faculative Agt for said minerals is with Secretariat with D no 12164 on 27-3-19. but it has not yet been returned. It is requested that file may be returned urgently as it is required for submitting inter Dno. 18688.

7-8-19

on 28/3.

Cont: Office

The file is not in the

12-8-19

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Geol file no 144-16 regarding
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V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a
for monazite & samarskite near
Bangalore & prospecting work
this lease [illegible] for
said minerals was sent to
Director Secretariat letter D no
12164 on 27-3-19. but it has
not yet been returned. This
required letter will be sent in quest
maybe returned urgently as it
is required for [illegible] letter Dno
18688

7-5-19

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on 29/3.

Dy
7/5

Cont. Office
for return of file

The file is not traceable
in the
office.
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Routine Notes.

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To Cent (office)

To kindly state when & to where the file in question was sent pending with you which was sent to you on 28/3 Because, the file does not seem to have been returned to our branch.

Dy 12/5. WB/VP It is not understood in what connection the file referred to was sent to this office. There is a separate file on this subject in this office and the file is not found linked to it.

CWS 12.5.19

This file was sent to you on 28/3/19, for furnishing the information available in your office, on the subject referred to in para one above. As the file is required urgently by the

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Ch: Secty, it may be traced and sent to them

Dy 10/5 — A further Search will be made

CWS 12.5.19

To Ch. Secty for information)

Submitted

H.S. 12-5-19. Ly

Tried out again if the file has been traced

MW 26/5.

For favour of returning the file

To Econ Confl Office thro the Ed. Secty

Ly 27/5/19

To Conf: Office)

To kindly state the result of the further search made

Dy 27/5. A careful Search was made and the file is not traceable

CWS 28.5.19

To M.D.H.) for information

Dy 30/5. Submitted for orders

H.S. 30-5-19. Ly Please get a cpy

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of the letter of acknowledgment from Dr Secty

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Routine Notes.

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Submitted with a draft to the Director

AUS
31-5-19

Issued G. 2733 of 5.6.19.
(CH) To the Director Dept: of Mines & Geol.
Requests that copies of his letter
No 1929 of 4/4/17 & its enclosure
with this office letter
G 14481/Gol 144-16-2 of 9.5.17
may be sent early

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
13 JUN 1919
SubA

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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BANGALORE,.....24th..April.....191"

No. 2929

26 APR 1917

NO.....9347

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FROM

B. JAYARAM, Esq., F.G.S.,
Director (in charge), Department of Mines and Geology,
Mysore State.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Dept.,
Bangalore.

SIR.

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government a copy of an application, dated 10th April 1917, from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting license for Samarskite and Monazite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk shown in the enclosed copy of the sketch received with the application.

2. The block is in conformity with the rules and no licenses or leases have been granted to, or applied for by, others over any of the lands comprised therein. But the area in question is one where Mr. V.S.Sambasiva Iyer, Professor of Geology, Central College, and Member of the Industries and Commerce Committee of the Mysore Economic Conference, is understood to have been carrying on certain investigations for monazite, samarskite &c. under the auspices of that Committee. There is no record in this office as to the work done by him in the area, but I learn from Appendix C to the Draft Annual Report of that Committee for 1916-17, kindly sent to me by the Secretary of the Committee for opinion, that a sum of Rs. 300/- was sanctioned in December 1916 for investigations being made as to the occurrence of the minerals and the probable quantities

and brings to the Government nearly one-third of the profits realized by the licensee.

7. If Government considers the above terms equitable and advantageous, I solicit their sanction to communicate them to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar without committing ourselves in any way and to obtain his views, so that they may be considered along with the final report promised to be submitted by Mr. Sambasiva Iyer and a definite decision arrived at as to the action that may most advantageously be taken in the matter.

8. Lastly, I beg to invite the attention of Government to the desirability and importance of this Department being furnished with information in regard to all work carried on in the State in connection with prospecting for minerals and to request therefore that suitable orders may kindly be issued so as to cause periodical reports of the prospecting work done in the State by Mr. Sambasiva Iyer or others at the instance of the Economic Conference to be sent to me for information and record in this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Jaya Rao.

Director (in charge),

Department of Mines and Geology.

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FORM No. 2.

APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENSE.

Dated the 10th *day of* April 1917.

To

THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that a prospecting license under the rules contained in Notification No. G. 3119—Geol. 40-16-2, dated 5th September 1916, may be granted to me over the area containing one square miles marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore. Toposheet No 63

The area over which prospecting rights are applied for comprises land belonging to the villages, the names of which with the taluk and district to which each belongs, are set out in Schedule A hereto.

The minerals in respect of which prospecting rights are applied for are stated in Schedule B hereto.

I enclose (receipt from the Treasury) (crossed cheque on the Bangalore Branch of the Bank of Madras payable to the order of the Director, Department of Mines and Geology) for Rs. 10/- being the fee payable in respect of this application at the rate of Rs. 10 per square mile or portion of a square mile of the area applied for.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S/o V Manickavelu Mudaliar.

Name and address of applicant (Write legibly) V. Manickavelu Mudaliy,
3, Old Junkan Road
Bangalore.

SCHEDULE A.

Village.	Taluk.	District.
Gadeyur	Bangalore	Bangalore

* State after the name of village, if whole or part only.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals to be prospected for.

Samarskite
Monazite

Copy.

K. Varadaraja
for Director (in charge),
Department of Mines & Geology
25.4.17

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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT. 2 TYPING Sec. 4 MAY 1917

Govt File No. 144-16.

Serial No. 2

(Diary No. of letter replied to

No. G 14881

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The Director (in charge),
Dept of Mines & Geology.

Sir,

Date of issue 4th May 17

Signed by M V Rajan Sec. to G

With reference to your letter no
29-29-7 24th April 1917 forwarding for the order
of Govt a copy of an application from Mr. V.
Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting
license for Samarskite and monazite over
a block of one sq mile of land in the
Bangalore Taluk & State that Mr. V. S.
Sambasiva Iyer, Member of the Industries &
Commerce committee of the Mysore Economic
Conference, is said to have been carrying on
certain investigations for monazite,
Samarskite etc over the area in question

P. T. over.

SUBJECT.

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I am directed to state that the disposal of Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's application may be deferred pending receipt of the final report of Mr. Sambasiva Iyer ~~if received~~ on the working of the Mica Mines. With regard to your request that information relating to all work carried on in the State in connection with prospecting for minerals may be furnished to you, I am to state that the Secretary, Mysore Economic Conference, will be requested to kindly send all the annual reports of the prospecting work done at the instance of the Economic Conference from time to time.

I have etc.

for Secretary
Govt

Memo. This is sent to Dr

A copy of the above is forwarded for information to the Secretary, Economic Conference, with the request that all periodical reports of the prospecting work done at the instance of the Economic Conference may kindly be caused to be sent to the Director, Dept of Mines & Geology for information and needful action.

By order.

for Secy to Govt
Govt.

List of enclosures,

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12164 27-3-19 CHIEF SECRETARIAT. IV MINOR Depts. 24

18 APR 1919

D.M.G. 17] GPB—250—23-2-16

DIARY NO. 18688

FROM

DR. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.Sc., A.R.S.M., etc.,
Director, Dept. of Mines and Geology,
Mysore State.

jud 144-76-3

To
C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharaja of
Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 16th April 1919.

Despatched

Received

BER. & REV. SECTT.

General No. 3053. 66969 19 APR 1919

Enclosure No. /

Sir,

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In continuation of my letter No.1782, dated 8th January 1919, I have the honour to state that I have now received from the Secretary, Industries & Commerce Committee, Mysore Economic Conference, a copy of the final report by Mr.V.S.Sambasiva Iyer on the prospecting work done by him for Monazite and Samarskite near Bangalore. A copy of the report is forwarded herewith for your information.

2. Mr. Sambasiva Iyer has arrived at the conclusion that the Monazite and Samarskite occurring in situ in the area in question are not of much commercial value

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value and ~~that~~ he is of the opinion that the Government need not do any further work on the deposit but that private enterprise may risk some more money in developing the work.

3. Under these circumstances, I would suggest the grant of the prospecting license applied for by Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Dept.of Mines & Geology.

C.N.

Bangalore, 13th February 1919.

From

V. S. Sambasiva Iyer, Esq.,B.Sc.,L.C.E.,
Professor of Geology, Central College,
Bangalore.

To

M. N. Bala Raj Urs, Esquire, B.A.,
Secretary, Industries & Commerce Committee,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you this, my report on the occurrence of Monazite and other minerals near Yedur; about two miles south of Bangalore and on the road to Kankanhalli, the exact locality being in the unculturable waste land from which road metal is being quarried. The spot is reached by walking about half a furlong west and along the southern bank of the first watercourse crossed by the road and proceeding from Yedur towards Kankanhalli.

About four years ago, some contractors for road metal brought to the notice of Mr.L. Subba Rao, Assistant Professor of Geology, the occurrence of 'beryl' and other rare minerals in the quartz reefs and in the highly decomposed pegmatites containing the quartz reefs, in the unculturable waste land referred to above and on applying chemical and other tests, I determined two of them to be monazite and samarskite respectively.

On the discovery being reported to the Industries and Commerce Committee, they were pleased to sanction Rs.200/- towards opening out the deposit and ascertaining if the concessions were of any commercial value.

Accordingly work was commenced in 1917 and carried on at intervals whenever I would find some leisure. Three trenches were sunk, the first 38' X 12' X 10 the second about 100

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feet to the south of the first 29' X 15' X 6' and the third about 50' to north of the first about 28' X 10' X 6'.

The minerals were found only in the first and not at all in the other two.

In the first trench monazite crystals occur in the quartz and in the highly weathered pegmatite, both of which are runs in the gneissic rocks, forming the country. The crystals are found in the form of small pockets, from 2 to 3 inches across and a little more in length and the lenses themselves are irregular in distribution, both in depth and along the strike.

Officers of the Geological Survey of India who were at Bangalore at the time of the Science Congress 1917 picked up their own specimens from these lenses in situ.

Samarskite is also found in situ, in this pit, but much less in quantity than even the Monazite. The data collected from the work so far done have led me to the following conclusions :-

1) That rare minerals do occur in situ in some of the pegmatites (Near Bangalore) as was anticipated.

2) That the Monazite so occurring yields about 3.2 % of Thorium oxide and is consequently not of much commercial value.

3) That the mode of occurrence in solid crystals and in irregularly scattered lenses in rocks renders the deposit of no commercial value especially as against the Monazite sands of Travancore where the work of breaking and concentration is affected by natural causes.

4) That Government need not do any further work on the deposit and that private enterprises may risk some more money in developing the work.

5) That similar remarks apply to the other mineral (Viz.) Samarskite found along with Monazite.

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These conclusions were expressed by me at meetings of the Industries & Commerce Committee but as notwithstanding, a formal note was required, this report is submitted.

Samples and accounts will follow in a day or two.

I have &c.

Sd. V.S. Sambasiva Iyer.

Copy.

for Director,

C.N. Dept.of Mines & Geology.

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SUBJECT.....

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue.....

Signed by.....

Section Geol

File No. 144-16.

Serial No. 4

No. 5738

To The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology

Sir,

With reference to your kdg no 3053 dy 16-4-19 forwarding a copy of the final report by Mr. V. S. Sambasiva Iyer on the prospecting work done by him for monazite & Samarskite near Bangalore & recommending that the prospecting license applied for by Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar may be grant

I am directed to request that copies of your kdg no 2929 dated 26-4-19 and its enclosures together with this office

over. P.T.O.

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ulls no Cr 14481 / Gol 144-16-2 dated 9-5-17
may be sent very early for reference as this ~~original~~
file of papers is not readily available
in this office.

Thanks

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For Secy to Govt

2/5/17

List of enclosures.

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Geol 144-16-5

Department of Mines and Geology,

No. 3559/2+2 Dated, Camp Mysore, 11th June 1919.

Bangalore 12th June 1919.

DIARY NO. 20937

From

Dr. W.F. Smeeth, M.A., D.Sc., &c.,
Director, Department of Mines and Geology,
Mysore State.

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To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

In compliance with your letter No.G.27312/Geol.144-16-4, dated 5th June 1919, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the marginally noted letters relating to the application of Mr. V. Manickavelu Moodr., for a prospecting license for Samarskite and Monazite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk

This office letter No.2929, dated 24th April 1917, with enclosures.
Letter No.G.14881/Geol.144-16-2, dated 9th May 1917, from the Secretary to Government, Genl. Department.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Department of Mines and Geology.

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Letter No.G.14881/Geol.144-16-2, dated 9th May 1917, from the Secretary to Government, General Department, to the Director (in charge), Department of Mines and Geology.

With reference to your letter No.2929, dated 24th April 1917, forwarding for the orders of Government a copy of an application from Mr. V. Manickavelu Moodr., for a prospecting license for Samarskite and Monazite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk and stating that Mr. V.S. Sambasiva Iyer, Member of the Industries and Commerce Committee of the Mysore Economic Conference, is said to have been carrying on certain investigations for Monazite, Samarskite, etc., over the area in question, I am directed to state that the disposal of Mr. Manickavelu Moodr's application may be deferred pending receipt of the final report of Mr. Sambasiva Iyer in the matter.

With regard to your request that information relating to all work carried on in the State in connection with prospecting for minerals may be furnished to you, I am to state that the Secretary, Mysore Economic Conference, will be requested to send to you all the reports received from time to time of the prospecting work done at the instance of the Economic Conference.

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for Director,

Department of Mines & Geology.

Department of Mines and Geology
Ayanur camp -
24th April 1917.

No. 2929
Encl:-2.

From

B. Jayaram, Esq., F.G.S.,
Director (in charge) Department of Mines & Geology,
Mysore State.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General Dept.,
Bangalore.

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government a copy of an application, dated 10th April 1917, from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting license for Samarskite and Monazite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk shown in the enclosed copy of the sketch received with the application.

2. The block is in conformity with the rules and no licenses or leases have been granted to, or applied for by, others over any of the lands comprised therein. But the area in question is one where Mr. V.S.Sambasiva Iyer, Professor of Geology, Central College, and Member of the Industries and Commerce Committee of the Mysore Economic Conference, is understood to have been carrying on certain investigations for monazite, samarskite &c. under the auspices of that Committee. There is no record in this office as to the work done by him in the area, but I learn from Appendix C to the Draft Annual Report of that Committee for 1916-17, kindly sent to me by the Secretary of the Committee for opinion, that a sum of Rs. 300/- was sanctioned in December 1916 for investigations being made as to the occurrence of the minerals and the probable quantities

available for commercial purposes, that a certain amount of preliminary prospecting work has already bee n done in the area and that the final results are likely to be available by the time of the opening of the next Sessions of the Conference about the end of next month. The final report is eagerly awaited and until it is received I beg to recommend that the disposal of the present application from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar may be deferred.

3. In the meantime, the question may perhaps be considered whether it would not be expedient to grant a license to the applicant if there is likely to be a decided advantage to Government in the present opportunity being availed of to get the area thoroughly explored at the expense of a private party. In such a case, the point for consideration is what bundobast should be made to secure a reasonable amount of advantage to Government.

4. In the first place, it is imperative that we should ensure a thorough prospecting of the area. For this purpose I would suggest (1) the levy of a special fee of Rs. 500 for the license by way of special terms which may be imposed under rule 16 of the rules for the grant of mineral licenses and leases, (2) the submission of monthly reports of work done, and (3) an assurance by the licensee that he will carry out any suggestions that may be made by this Department in respect of the operations to be carried on.

5 The next important item is the terms relating to royalty. This may be fixed tentatively at the rate for precious stones, viz. 30 per cent on the net profits, with a guaranteed minimum of Rs. 500/- to be paid in advance. This will secure the Government quite a reasonable proportion of the income of the licensee.

6. The grant of a license on the above terms seems to be advantageous to Government in every way. It gives an opportunity to have the area thoroughly examined without expense to Government

and brings to the Government nearly one-third of the profits realized by the licensee.

7. If Government considers the above terms equitable and advantageous, I solicit their sanction to communicate them to Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar without committing ourselves in any way and to obtain his views, so that they may be considered along with the final report promised to be submitted by Mr. Sambasiva Iyer and a definite decision arrived at as to the action that may most advantageously be taken in the matter.

8. Lastly, I beg to invite the attention of Government to the desirability and importance of this Department being furnished with information in regard to all work carried on in the State, in connection with prospecting for minerals and to request therefore that suitable orders may kindly be issued so as to cause periodical reports of the prospecting work done in the State by Mr. Sambasiva Iyer or others at the instance of the Economic Conference to be sent to me for information and record in this office.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- B. Rama Rao

Director (in charge)

Department of Mines and Geology.

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K. Duraiswamy

For Director,
Department of Mines and Geology.

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FORM No. 2.

APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENSE.

Dated the 10th *day of* April *1917.*

To

THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that a prospecting license under the rules contained in Notification No. G. 3119—Geol. 40-16-2, dated 5th September 1916, may be granted to me over the area containing one square mile, marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore. Topo Sheet No. 63

The area over which prospecting rights are applied for comprises land belonging to the villages, the names of which with the taluk and district to which each belongs, are set out in Schedule A hereto.

The minerals in respect of which prospecting rights are applied for are stated in Schedule B hereto.

I enclose (receipt from the Treasury) (crossed cheque on the Bangalore Branch of the Bank of Madras payable to the order of the Director, Department of Mines and Geology) for Rs. 10/- being the fee payable in respect of this application at the rate of Rs. 10 per square mile or portion of a square mile of the area applied for.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sd) V. manickavelu mudaliar.

Name and address of applicant

(Write legibly)

V. manickavelu mudaliar, ——

3 - old Tumkur Road,

Bangalore.

SCHEDULE A.

Village.* Yadiyur Taluk. Bangalore District. Bangalore

* State after the name of village, if whole or part only.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals to be prospected for.

Samarskite, monazite

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Sampat Iyengar
for Director,
Dept. of Mines & Geology

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

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, the *191* .

Date of issue 28. 6. 19

Signed by for M.V. Jayaraman

Section Geol
File No. 144-16
Serial No. 6

No. G 28837

To The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter no 3559 dt 12th June 1919 regarding the application of Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting license for Lomarskite and monazite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk, I am directed to enquire whether you would propose the conditions suggested by Mr. Jayaram in his letter no 2929 dated 24th April 1917 ~~may be~~ enforced under the license recommended to be granted.

The favour of an early reply is requested.

Thanks

over.

for Chief Secy to Govt.

DIARY NO. 924
CHIEF SECRETARIAT
IV
MINOR Depts.
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No. 109 Dated, Bangalore, 12th July 1919

From

Dr. W. F. Smeeth, M.A.,D.Sc.,&c.,

Director,

Department of Mines & Geology.

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To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of His

Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.28837/Geol.144-16-6, dated 28th June 1919, regarding the application from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar for a prospecting license for monazite and samarskite over a block of one square mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk, I have the honour to state that I am unable to agree with Mr. Jayaram's proposals for the levy of special terms in the case of these minerals.

2. So far as we know the minerals found are of little, if any, commercial value and Mr. Sambasiva Iyer's report shows that he was unable to find them in commercial quantities.

3. In view of these facts it is rather sporting of Mr. M. Manickavelu Mudaliar to take out a license at all and we should encourage him on the 'off chance' of something turning up instead of trying to choke him off.

4. I suggest that Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar may be granted an ordinary prospecting license with right of preemption and a mining lease limited to ¼ mile square. The royalty may be 5 % of the sale value of the dressed mineral which will be subject

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subject to a minimum rate per lb.of mineral to be fixed by Government in the event of a lease being granted and not to exceed the equivalent of 30 % of the net profits

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Dept.of Mines & Geology.

C.N.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
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Date of issue..... 5/1/20

Signed by.....

Section Geol
File No. 144-16
Serial No. 8

No. G 15004

To

The Director, Dept of ~~Mines &~~ Geology

Sir

With reference to — correspondence ending with your letter no 109 dt 12th July 1919, I am directed to convey the sanction of Govt to the grant of a prospecting license for — to Mr V. Manickyakeh Naidu Samarskite and monazite over a block of one sq mile of land in the Bangalore Taluk as per Sketch forwarded with ~~the~~ your letter no 2929 dated 24th April 1917 on condition that Govt shall have the right of preemption over the ore that the area which the applicant shall

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claim for a mining lease shall not exceed ½ mile square and that the royalty payable shall be 5% of the sale value of the dressed mineral which will be subject to a minimum rate per pound of mineral to be fixed by Govt in the event of a lease being granted and not to exceed the equivalent of 30% of the net profits.

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